

# JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## **News Release**

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### Frederick County Agency Updates for June 2, 2020

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#### **Health Department:**

The Health Department is now reporting that 2013 (+52 in 24hrs) residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 110 (+2 in 24hrs) people have died, and 1284 (+10 in 24hrs) people have been released from isolation. For more statistics, please visit <a href="http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats">http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats</a>.

#### **Contact Tracing:**

Frederick County is in the process of transitioning our contact tracing process to the state process. Maryland's contact tracing program works like this: when an individual tests positive, case investigators reach out to that person by phone within 24 hours of receiving the test result. Based on information collected about the COVID-19 positive individual's symptoms and contact history, case investigators will call other people with whom the individual has had close contact and provide necessary guidance about monitoring symptoms and isolating at home.

Maryland's contact tracing workforce is trained to ensure that all personal information is collected in accordance with regulations and guidelines to protect privacy and personal health information. The contact tracer will ask about the individual's health, any potential symptoms, and how long the individual has had those symptoms. They may ask about an individual's whereabouts and interactions for a specific period of time. A contact investigator will never ask for a Social Security number, financial or bank account information, or personal details unrelated to COVID-19. They will not ask for photographs or videos, passwords or any payment.

For more information on contact tracing in Maryland, please visit https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/contact-tracing.

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<u>Frequently Asked Question:</u> How can I get tested for COVID-19 in Frederick County? If someone you know has tested positive for COVID-19, they may identify you as someone they've had close, prolonged contact with. If that's the case, you may receive a phone call from a case investigator who will talk through with you what you should know about your risk for COVID-19, what symptoms to look out for, and when to get tested.

If you haven't had a known exposure to someone who has tested positive to COVID-19, you still may be concerned about your risk. You can talk with your healthcare provider about your personal risk or symptoms you may be having and they can give you the best medical advice since they know your personal medical history. Your doctor can order a test for you.

You can also get tested by going to local testing sites in Frederick County. A list of testing options is available at <a href="https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus">health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus</a>.

<u>Frequently Asked Question:</u> How do I know if a business or pool is open?

All of Frederick County is now in Stage 1 of Maryland's reopening plan. Please note, although certain activities and businesses are permitted in Stage 1, operators/owners have the ability to decide if they will reopen that activity. Some examples include camps, pools, or outdoor sports.

If you are unsure of a business's operation status, it's recommended you contact them directly to ask.

If you are concerned a business is open that should not be, email FCHDbusinessinfo@Frederickcountymd.gov or call 301-600-6200.

#### For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: //cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <u>coronavirus.gov</u>

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